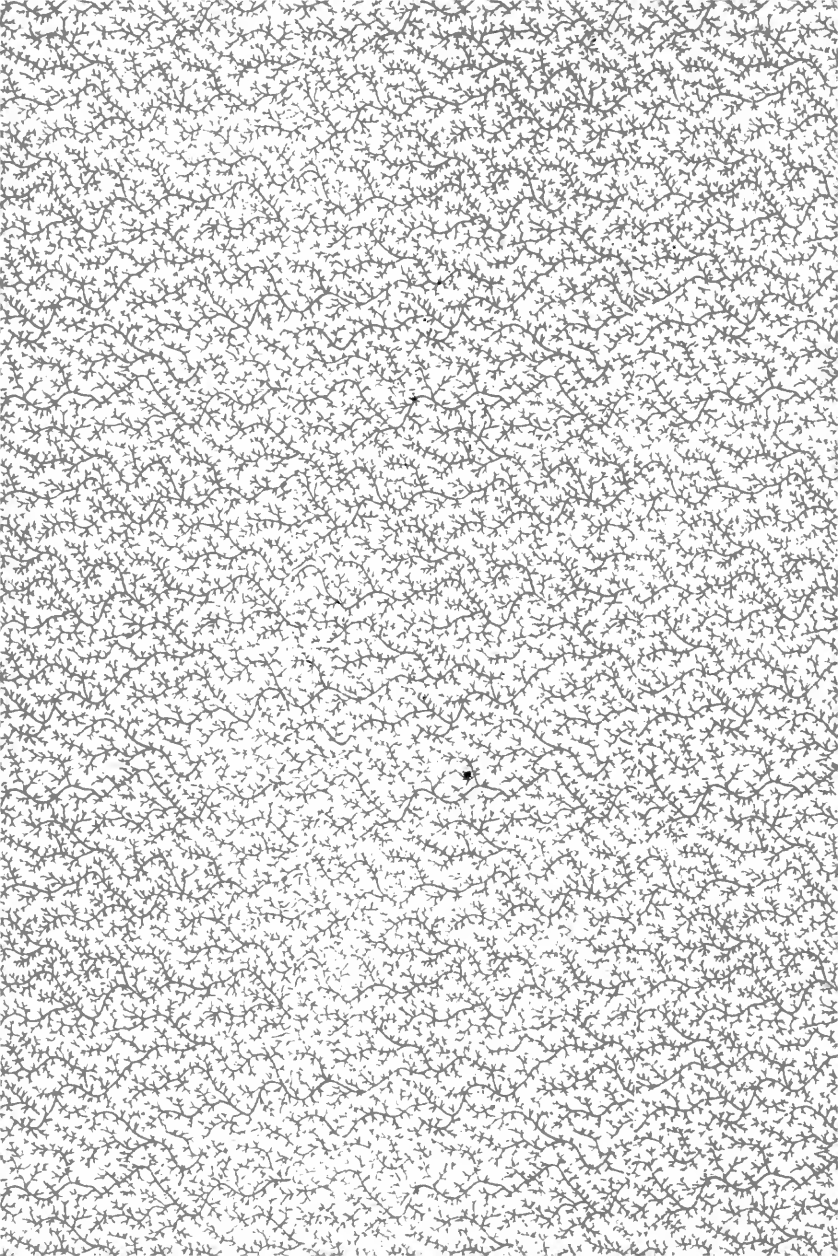


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BY REV. W. J. R. TAYLOR, D.D.

The thrill of a great sorrow shot through our city on this last Sabbath morning, in whose dawning light, like that of the New Jerusalem "coming down from God out of heaven," our beloved friend and brother went away from us "to be forever with the Lord." But this grief is tempered by sweetest memories, hopes and consolations, and with a peace and gladness that the world knows not of. "The valley of the shadow of death" is turned to light for those who are in it, as they follow him who passed through it into the Sabbath "rest that remaineth for the people of God." That saintly man, Matthew Henry, somewhere in his excellent commentary on the Bible, calls death "a parenthesis in the believer's history." In view of what the holy scriptures say of it as "a sleep in Jesus, who has abolished death and brought life and immortality to light," what is it in very truth but a bracketed passage in the last page of the Christian's biography—a mysterious and sanctified transition from "the life that now is," into "that which is to come?" They whom we call "the dead in Christ," are really the "living with Christ." "For if we believe that Jesus died

and rose again, even so them also, which sleep in Jesus will God bring with Him."

For them the silver ladder shall be set,
 Their Saviour shall receive their latest breath ;
 They travel to a fadeless coronet
 Up through the gates of death.

Coming hither to the Sanctuary for worship, instruction and consolation, we have something more than mere eulogy to speak and hear in this tender hour. Yet when the scriptures of the old and new covenants pay their immortal tributes to good men, whose goodness was their greatness, and while "a voice from heaven" says "Write, Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord, from henceforth ; yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors ; for their works do follow them," we may not bury them in silent woe and speechless solemnity, as if there were nothing good to be said of them, and no references to character, experience, example, services and memories by which the living may profit and God be glorified. If these mute lips could speak to us today they would say, with characteristic modesty and humility, and with St. Paul, "By the grace of God I am what I am." With this safeguard against indiscriminate praise and for what is proper to this holy place, let me now in the Master's name, present some of the lessons of the precious life upon which the seal of immortality has been set by his departure to be with Christ.

The brief biographical sketches of Mr. Heath and the admirable tributes to his memory which

have already appeared in the public prints, rehearse the main facts of his well known position and services as a business man in our city, and in his relations to the institutions with which he was officially connected. These need not be repeated here and now. There is no martial renown, no political record, no tale of adventure, none of the glamour of excitement and enthusiasm that attract public attention. His was simply the life of a good citizen, a successful man of affairs, a quiet and exemplary Christian gentleman of philanthropic habits and of public spirit, and whose loss will be felt in every sphere of usefulness that he has touched and filled for the full half century of his active manhood among us.

Born of Christian parents and inheriting their blessings, which were magnified and perpetuated in his filial reverence and love, he came to Newark in his boyhood fortified by moral and religious principles, and restrained by God's preventing grace from those temptations of the city which beset the young who are away from home. Integrity and uprightness preserved him, diligence and fidelity brought their own rewards in his growing years. Wisely he kept himself in the way of the Sanctuary, which is God's way ; and under the guidance of a pastor whom he always regarded with affection and who still lives, the oldest minister of our Reformed churches, the Rev. Dr. Ransford Wells, he was led to Christ and made confession of his faith in the First Reformed Church of this city, June 2, 1840, and in the twentieth year of his age.

That was the turning point of his religious life and the beginning of his course as an active and faithful member of the Christian Church. It set the signet of personal consecration upon all that he was and all that he accomplished as a Christian man in his generation.

I refer to these facts because they were fundamental elements in the formation of his character and in shaping his future course. Let the young men who hear them carefully ponder and follow his example. It is a life-lesson for you, young friends, who knew and revered him. The wisdom and beauty of early piety blossomed and bore perennial fruits in his after years, and the blessing of the Lord which he sought by prayer and received by grace, made him, like Joseph "a prosperous man." Make a business of your religion and carry your religion into your business. You will never find it a blind upon your open eyes, nor a fetter upon your diligent hands, nor a clog to your swift feet. On the contrary it will secure you the prime conditions of success, and the essentials of happiness and comfort, should the dark days come. It will help you to bear prosperity and adversity, and also the crucial transition from the one to the other. In these unsettling times young men need ballast and anchorage that will hold against winds and waves; and the republic needs young men of principle and power in every station and department of the nation's service, and the church of God calls more loudly than ever for young men like that chosen band who went out with Saul at

a critical period of his kingdom "whose hearts God had touched." Shall the appeal that comes to you from this memorial service in the Lord's house, amid these tender and soul-quickenings scenes, be lost upon your hearts? He made many a young lad and young man his debtors by his counsel and care and help in times of need. The silent witnesses are here. Your friend has gone up higher. Will you not all follow in his footsteps to the throne?

Pursuing the course of our friend from his youth up through his active business life, which none know better than these busy men who have been his associates in many spheres of mercantile and financial affairs, does not this occasion appeal powerfully to you all? I might speak truthfully enough of the multiform open secrets of his rise and eminence in the trade and financial interests of our city, and of the almost unbroken prosperity that crowned his labors. I might speak of his habitual caution and wisdom, of his punctuality and exactness, and his attention to details, the joints and hinges and pivots on which greater things always move; of his remarkable executive ability and organizing power; of his knowledge of men and affairs; of his foresight, prudence and calm reserve, and decisive action.

He knew what he could do and he did it well, never turning aside to speculative ways and uncertain methods, whether in his own business or that of others. The great corporation which grew up under his care to its present magnitude, he admin-

istered as a trust to be guarded safely, courageously and successfully, not only for those who were insured against losses by fire, but for those whose means were invested in it, many of whom are widows and orphans and people of small resources, and to whom his good name was the security for the safety of the company and of their individual and domestic interests in its management. And these remarks apply as well to every other trust committed to his strong and faithful hands.

But after all and above all, his best things were the gifts and graces and virtues that adorned his manhood, and that kept him safe and consistent amid the crowd of cares and the allurements of success. You knew him as a man of solid character and religious principles, and you trusted, honored and leaned upon him with a confidence that was never misplaced.

As a patriotic citizen also, full of public spirit, and interested in all that concerns the common welfare, although he was no partisan and never held political office, you know him well. But here again, it was his God-given moral and religious spirit and habit that made him the man he was, and that compelled him into the front with like minded men, for temperance reform, for Sabbath observance, for the preservation of law and order, for the sustenance and management of our local charities, and for all good objects for which good men and women are banded together in the service of the city and the state,

and "for Christ's sake." It was the conscience that he put into his work of all kinds, the fidelity to duty that, superadded to his official and personal cares, almost overwhelmed him at times with bearing other peoples' burdens. And this he did so lovingly and so faithfully, through his whole business life, that they multiplied with his years. He told me, not very long since, that he had then no less than twenty-seven separate trusts of estates and institutions, and for people whom he befriended in their need. I mention these things not only as facts illustrating the kindness and helpfulness of a good man, but to emphasize obligations which the community owes to many of our busiest men, whose time and hands and hearts are loaded with generous care for other people in addition to their ever-widening daily duties. The longer I live the more do I respect and sympathize with men who conduct the most extensive and complicated business, and manage vast institutions with the wisdom, ability and integrity which assure success and secure public confidence.

This is another important life lesson from the work of our departed brother. No man in this city bore heavier cares than he, and none will be more missed from the places that once knew him and shall know him no more, except in the memories and results that shall perpetuate his honored services and name, as a Christian merchant and the head of one of our most flourishing financial institutions. But our chief concern and the principal life lesson of this solemn hour is of the

religious life and services of this beloved follower of the Lord Jesus Christ. I dare scarcely speak above my breath of his personal experience and traits of character. Yet as his pastor, and for his associates in the offices of this Church, and for our whole communion, I must testify to his manifest love to Christ and His Church, to his strong and settled convictions of the truths of the gospel of the grace of God, to his cheerful and consistent piety, and to his consecration of himself, his time, and labors and means to the building, the conduct and the work of this Church, which is his most enduring monument. From its small beginnings to the end of his life it was in his heart, his prayers, his hopes and his love. There was no good thing in it and for it to which he did not give his thoughtful care. In the building of this edifice, as chairman of the building committee, in the Sunday-school, the prayer meetings, the Consistory, the voluntary associations of the congregation for charity and for work, his presence and help were always ready and always welcome. As a worshipper sitting in that family square, now vacant and draped in mourning, we shall miss his reverential presence, his profound interest in the sanctuary and his example of ever faithful attendance at every service when he was not prevented by an overruling providence.

For nearly twenty years we have taken sweet counsel together as Pastor and Elder and friends, and I have never counselled with him and leaned upon him in vain. During all this time his

brethren of the Consistory will bear witness with me to his wisdom and brotherly love, his modesty and helpfulness, his generosity and fidelity to the trust which the Head of the Church has confided to us.

But dearly as he loved his own Church home, he was also devoutly loyal to the doctrines, polity, institutions and work of the Reformed Church in America. In her ecclesiastical assemblies and benevolent boards and especially in the Board of Domestic Missions, of which he was the president since 1875, and as Trustee of Rutgers College since 1866, he was as a tower of strength. He was a man of few words ; he was no speech-maker ; but his counsels were sage, and his speech was action. He never said " Go " but always " Come," and he seldom or never asked others to do what he himself was unwilling to do if he were able. As a good steward of his Lord's money he used his talents and pounds, so that he might give some good account of his stewardship at his Lord's coming. And this is another most important lesson for the times. He chose to be his own almoner of what he had to give for the many worthy objects of his benevolent regard. Often " his left hand knew not what his right hand did " for others and for Jesus' sake. And for this reason I can say no more about it now.

As the shadows of waning life thickened around him, he saw in them the tokens of the rest and glory for which he waited in faith and hope and love. Patiently enduring his protracted illness,

with its frequent alternations of transient relief and depressing sufferings, he expected even a more sudden release than that which came at last. Long before it, he said to his family "I am prepared for it and I wish you also to be prepared." Like the great apostle he could say, "I know whom I have believed and am persuaded that He is able to keep that which I have committed to Him against that day." His habitual calm of spirit prevailed throughout the long and weary period of trial until the Master called for him. His physician said to me as we were on our way to this service, that in the twenty-five years of his professional practice he has never seen a man of such uncomplaining patience. There was no ecstasy in his departure, no splendid vision, no seraphic song or rapture at any time. It would not have been like him, nor like that special type of gracious spirit which he always manifested. But there was a simple trust, a chastened submission, and a willingness "to depart and be with Christ, which is far better" than to remain here. He said to me one day, when scarcely able to speak on account of pain and weakness, but with beaming eyes and holy faith, "Eye hath not seen nor ear heard," but he could not finish the precious words. So too, on every Sunday morning at family worship he always prayed that he and his might "make a Sabbath day's journey towards our heavenly home." And how quickly did he make it on this last Sabbath morning.

His religious experience during his illness is

most happily expressed in his favorite hymn, written by Augustus Toplady, author of "Rock of Ages cleft for me," and breathing the same devout spirit. It was read to him at his own desire, by a member of his family shortly before his decease, and I am glad to repeat it here as his testimony to its rich consolations :

When languor and disease invade
This trembling house of clay,
'T is sweet to look beyond the cage
And long to fly away.

Sweet to look inward and attend
The whispers of His love ;
Sweet to look upward to the place
Where Jesus pleads above.

Sweet on His faithfulness to rest
Whose love can never end ;
Sweet on His covenant of grace
For all things to depend.

Sweet in the confidence of faith
To trust His firm decrees ;
Sweet to lie passive in His hands
And know no will but His.

These last two lines were most frequently upon his lips. And still the hymn runs on :

If such the sweetness of the streams,
What must the fountain be,
Where saints and angels draw this bliss
Immediately from Thee !

Yes ! what must that fountain be ? May the sweetness of the streams comfort and refresh the smitten hearts that grieve most tenderly for his departure and joy most in his translation to their

eternal sources “underneath the throne of God and the Lamb.” Comfort yourselves, dear friends, with these heavenly consolations.

And let us all who sympathize with them in their great bereavement, be followers of him “who through faith and patience has inherited the promises.” Amen ! and Amen.

Memorials and Resolutions.

From the Christian Intelligencer, December 5th, 1888 :

A PILLAR REMOVED.

With great and sorrowful regret, we announce the death of STAFFORD R. W. HEATH, Esq., of Newark, N. J., which occurred after a long and severe illness on the last Sabbath morning, at his residence in that city. We can do little more at present than state a few facts in the life of this excellent man of God. He was born July 8, 1820, at Basking Ridge, Morris Co., N. J., where his father, Daniel Heath, lived for many years on his farm. At fourteen years of age, his son came to Newark, to begin his way in active life as a clerk in a dry goods store, with only the limited education furnished by a country school, but with diligence and fidelity and aptness to learn and apply whatever his business required. He rose rapidly in the esteem and confidence of his employer; and in a few years, with the earnings that he saved, and with a young partner he started out upon that successful mercantile and financial career which he has pursued in the same city for more than half a century: as the head of the leading dry goods house, and also for half of that time as the President of the Firemen's Insurance Company, which owes its great prosperity to his eminent wisdom and ability. He was also connected as a director with numerous local companies and institutions, which were strengthened

and prospered by his foresight and caution, and by his integrity and uprightness. But his commercial successes were only secondary to his moral and religious character and influences. Soon after coming to Newark, he was led to attend the First Reformed Church, then under the care of its first pastor, the Rev. Dr. Ransford Wells, and in its struggling infancy. The kindly interest of the pastor was blessed to his young parishioner and he united with the church in 1840 by confession of Christ. From that day forward, he gave himself heartily to the life and work of the church with the intelligent zeal and devotedness which have marked his entire religious career. He was, successively, scholar, teacher and superintendent of the Sunday-school, and deacon and elder in that church until, with a large number of other communicants, he led the way to the organization of the Clinton Avenue Reformed Church in the early part of the year 1868. In this church he has been the Senior Elder from its beginning, the largest contributor to the erection of its noble edifice, and the trusted, wise counsellor and helper of his pastor and associates in office. "Faithful in that which is least he was also faithful in that which is much" and was "steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord." No precious interest escaped his watchful eye, and his liberal hand was always open in aid of all good objects that claimed and received his approval. The Orphan Asylum, and many local charities, weak churches, benevolent institutions of our own and

other churches shared his continual benefactions. Young men, helpless families, and many of his employees were blessed by his counsels and timely assistance, and in the most delicate and gracious ways. In 1866, Mr. Heath was elected a Trustee of Rutgers College, an office which he filled with unstinted care and wisdom, and in which as chairman of its Committee on Finance for many years, he laid the institution under great obligations to his scrupulous fidelity and sagacity in the management of its funds, to which also he was a most generous donor.

With similar efficiency he served the Church at large in the Board of Domestic Missions, as Chairman of the Executive Committee, and since 1875 as its President. His frequent presence in the Synods of the Reformed Church as a delegate, and in the work of their most important committees, attested his loyalty and love for the doctrines and institutions of this communion. He also gave much time and care to the Bible, Tract, Sabbath, Temperance, and other Societies, of which he was the ever thoughtful and devoted helper.

Mr. Heath's fatal illness began about two years ago, and increased in severity, with many alternations of partial recovery and relapses, until the last stroke fell upon him a few days previous to his decease. During this protracted period of disease and suffering he was comforted and sustained by the grace of God, and he endured it all with uncomplaining patience and Christian fortitude until the end. Then, "very early in the morning,

on the first day of the week," "as it began to dawn," suddenly and quietly he departed this life, in the peace of God.

His funeral will take place on Thursday, December 6th, at 2 p.m., in the Clinton Avenue Reformed Church. The representatives of the Board of Domestic Missions, the Trustees of Rutgers College, and of other Boards of the Church, and the clergy of the Classis of Newark and of this city and vicinity, are specially invited to be present.

From the Christian Intelligencer, December 12th, 1888 :

STAFFORD R. W. HEATH.

The funeral services in memory of the late Mr. Stafford R. W. Heath, of Newark, N. J., in accordance with his own wishes and those of his family, were very simple, and in keeping with his characteristic modesty and love of what is real and true. At his late residence, where only the family and relatives and a few others assembled, a brief prayer was offered by his pastor. At the Clinton Avenue Reformed Church, which was filled with a representative congregation from the city and vicinity, the Liturgical Burial service of our Church was read by Rev. Drs. Waters and Easton, and prayer was made by the Rev. Dr. Van Cleef, of Jersey City. The address was delivered by the Rev. W. J. R. Taylor, D.D., in which, with no mere eulogy, but with truthful reference to the character and services of the departed "man of God," some lessons from his life were earnestly impressed upon the young and the busy men and the Christian people present. The interment was privately conducted in the family lot in Mt. Pleasant Cemetery. In the great audience there were many representatives of institutions with which Mr. Heath was connected ; and delegations from the Board of Domestic Missions, the Trustees of Rutgers College and various charitable and religious societies ; and not least among them all was

the notable number of clergymen of different denominations, and of gray-headed men who have been his associates and friends in the past half century, both in secular and religious concerns.

There were scarcely any floral decorations—only a palm leaf and a trace of white bloom upon the casket. The organ was silent—the music being vocal—the soft singing of the favorite hymn of the departed believer,

One sweetly solemn thought

Comes to me o'er and o'er ;

I 'm nearer home to-day,

Than I have been before :

Nearer my Father's house,

Where many mansions be,

Nearer the great white throne,

Nearer the crystal sea.

Nearer the bound of life,

Where burdens are laid down,

Nearer to leave the cross,

And nearer to the crown ;

But lying dark between,

And winding through the night,

The deep and unknown stream

Crossed ere we reach the light.

Jesus, confirm my trust ;

Strengthen the hand of faith

To feel Thee, when I stand

Upon the shore of death.

Be near me when my feet

Are slipping o'er the brink,

For I am nearer home,

Perhaps, than now I think.

and then a few lines as his body was being borne from the church. “ And then devout men carried him to his burial, as Stephen was buried, and made great lamentation over him.”

ACTION OF THE CONSISTORY
OF THE CLINTON AVE. REFORMED CHURCH.

In common with all who knew and loved our departed brother and fellow servant of the Lord Jesus Christ, Stafford R. W. Heath, we, the minister, elders and deacons of the Clinton Avenue Reformed Church, herein record our heartfelt testimony to his consecrated spirit, eminent usefulness, Christian character and godly life. As one of the founders of this church, and an elder from its beginning in 1868 until his departure, he has been a pillar of strength in the house of God which was erected under his watchful care as chairman of its building committee, and to which, like one of the altar builders of old, he gave of his substance "as a king unto the King." He was wise in counsel, of sound judgment, zealous in good work, conscientious in punctual observance of all church services and duties, courteous, decided and efficient, and faithful to every trust, whether in business or in religious and ecclesiastical circles. His habits were quiet, modest, unobtrusive and cheerful; his sympathies tender and deep and far reaching. Thoroughly attached to the Gospel which he confessed in his youth and adorned by his life, he clung to it with unshaken faith and with absolute loyalty to the principles and polity of the Reformed Church in America, which he represented and sustained in her Syn-

ods and benevolent boards and educational institutions.

With unfailing patience, peaceful trust and entire submission to the will of God, he endured his protracted illness and severest sufferings, until the dawn of the communion Sabbath, which brought with it his everlasting rest.

Humbly recognizing and bowing to the supreme Providence that has taken him from us, cherishing his memory and example, and in tenderest sympathy with his family in their irreparable loss, we also praise the Lord for His goodness and love to His servant, and we pray for grace to follow him as he followed Christ.

Done in Consistory this 3d day of December, in the year of our Lord, 1888.

WILLIAM J. R. TAYLOR, *President*.

DANIEL H. DUNHAM, *Secretary*.

ACTION OF THE BOARD OF DOMESTIC MISSIONS
OF THE REFORMED CHURCH.

At a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Board of Domestic Missions of the Reformed Church in America, which was held on Monday, the intelligence of the death of their President, S. R. W. Heath, caused profound sorrow to all the members of the committee. Mr. Heath had acted as President of the Board of Domestic Missions for thirteen years. He had been a most faithful officer and was ever ready to aid the Board, not only with his presence and counsel, but with such helpful aid as only a business man could give in carrying the Board through its financial operations when funds were pressingly required to meet the obligations of the Board to the missionaries under its care. The following resolution was passed by the committee, and Drs. Van Cleef and Waters were appointed to draw up a more complete statement to be submitted to the full Board at a special meeting to be held on the 19th of this month.

Resolved, The Executive Committee of the Board of Domestic Missions have learned with profound regret of the death of their highly-esteemed President, S. R. W. Heath, Esq. They desire to convey to the bereaved widow and family their deep sympathy with them in their great affliction, commending them to the Giver of all Comfort for that consolation which He gives to His people in the great trials of life.

The committee, while expressing their high esteem for their late President, refrain from putting on record a full expression of their feeling until the Board in full session shall have had an opportunity of joining in such an expression of regard.

At a special meeting of the Board of Domestic Missions of the Reformed Church in America, of which the late S. R. W. Heath was President, held at No. 26 Reade street, New York, on Monday, the following minute was adopted :

Whereas, God, in His all-wise providence, has removed from the scene of his earthly labors our dear brother, S. R. W. Heath, Esq., the late President of this Board ;

The Board of Domestic Missions of the Reformed Church in America, in special session assembled, desire to put on record their profound esteem for him as a Christian gentleman, a true patriot, a public-spirited citizen, a man of high business integrity, a successful merchant, and as the head of a great financial institution, faithfully discharging all his duties in the fear of God.

They especially desire to emphasize their great appreciation of his most valuable services as member and President of this Board, for many years, being ever faithful in his attendance upon its meetings, wise in council, prudent in action, and exceedingly helpful in the most trying crisis of its affairs, when help was greatly needed.

The Board desire to tender their sympathy to

the bereaved widow and family, praying that God, in His great mercy, may comfort them with the consolations wherewith He supports His people in the time of their affliction, feeling assured that the promise of the Master whom he served has been fulfilled in his experience, “Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life.”

Editorial Notice, Newark Daily Advertiser, Dec. 3d, 1888 :

The death of Mr. S. R. W. Heath, President of the Firemen's Insurance Company, and senior member of the dry goods firm of Heath & Drake, is the cause of widespread and deepfelt sorrow. Throughout his active life he has been so closely identified with the business activities of this community, in which he occupied a conspicuous place, that his departure is an event of more than ordinary public regret. His entire active life and extraordinary energies were all spent in this city. It has been a life of toilsome industry, frugality, fidelity to every trust and rare executive power. He never aspired to political distinction nor public honors, any of which he could have worthily borne, but with a modesty as remarkable as his practical abilities, he was content with the promotion of the important institutions over which he presided, and all of which he advanced to foremost positions in their special fields of usefulness. He was also a man of profound religious faith, a devoted member of the Reformed Church, high in its counsels and large in his support of its institutions. The influence of his efficient but unobtrusive energies will long be felt in this community, toward the moral and material progress of which he contributed his share.

ACTION OF THE FIREMEN'S INSURANCE COMPANY.

A special meeting of the Board of Directors of the Firemen's Insurance Company was held yesterday afternoon, to take action on the death of their late President. Mr. D. H. Dunham, the Vice-President, presided, and a committee consisting of Messrs. F. Frelinghuysen, J. P. Jube and J. H. Kase, was appointed to prepare resolutions, which were read and unanimously approved, as follows :

We are called to mourn the death of one whom we loved, leaned on and looked up to. Stafford R. W. Heath was a man respected, beloved and trusted by all who knew him. His life was a monument of noble deeds, and his death is we believe, the calling up higher of one who did the will of his Father. His usefulness in life extended beyond the field of business and gave to the widow, the poor and the humble as well as to the Church the benefits of his wisdom. His usefulness even in business was not selfish, as we, his associates in this prosperous company, know full well. And his Church and the college of which he was a trustee both bear testimony not only of the value of his counsel and sympathy, but also of his noble generosity.

Mr. Heath was elected President of this company in January, 1862, and retained the office until the time of his death. The success of the

company is largely owing to his wisdom, zeal and far-sightedness. His patience in details, his constant effort for this company's advancement, his stability, and withal a genial considerate nature, combined in him to advance the interests of the company.

By the force of his own talents he took a leading part in the world of business. He, however, did not restrict his powers to his own aggrandizement, but extended them with unceasing zeal to the noblest objects of life. Unselfish, well-wishing and wise, he filled an important place in our community.

His family so loved and loving, his Church and his many warm friends, all knew and loved so well the purity, kindness and thoughtfulness of his heart, that his departure will be most keenly felt.

We respect his business career, we admire his character, and we may well emulate his example of unselfish fidelity in his life-work.

CHARLES COLYER, *Secretary*.

The directors also resolved to attend the funeral in a body on Thursday.

ACTION OF THE ASSOCIATION OF FIRE
UNDERWRITERS.

NEWARK, N. J., Dec. 4th, 1888.

At a special meeting of the Association of Fire Underwriters of Newark, held this day, the following minute was unanimously adopted :

Whereas, At the summit of a highly successful career, death has removed from us Mr. S. R. W. Heath, late President of the Firemen's Insurance Company, and one of the ablest insurance men of our city ; therefore,

Resolved, That the talents and mental characteristics which made Mr. Heath so successful an underwriter, command and have long commanded our undisguised admiration. His mind was as active as it was sagacious, and his industry was as notable as his good judgment. In decision he combined and harmonized in an unusual degree, the apparently opposite qualities of boldness and prudence. The great and successful company of which he was the head, and which has been built up mainly by his untiring and well directed efforts, forms his best and most appropriate monument.

Resolved, That while paying this tribute of appreciation and respect to the memory of our departed brother, we would at the same time express the hope that we, one and all, may imitate what was highest, noblest and best in his character, talents and life.

Resolved, That the members of this association attend the funeral of Mr. Heath ; that the foregoing resolutions be entered upon our records, and that copies of the same be furnished to the afflicted family, to the Firemen's Insurance Company and to the press.

ISAIAH PECKHAM, *President*.

JNO. B. LEE, *Secretary*.

ACTION OF THE NEWARK AND ROSENDALE
CEMENT COMPANY.

NEWARK, N. J., Dec. 20th, 1888.

At a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Newark & Rosendale Cement Company, held on Thursday, December 13th, 1888, the following resolutions were adopted:

Whereas, God in His Providence has removed from amongst us our late associate director, Mr. S. R. W. Heath, we desire to place on record a tribute of respect to his memory ;

Resolved, That in the death of our associate we have sustained a loss not to be repaired, and one personally felt by each director who was familiar with the ability, energy, kindness and characteristic christian demeanor of our late friend and fellow director.

Resolved, That mourn as we may, we shall always retain the kindest of memories of our associations with our departed friend.

Resolved, That we offer to his widow and the members of his family, our sincerest sympathy for their bereavement, and can but further say that "All now is well with our departed brother."

Resolved, That these resolutions be entered on the minutes of the company, and a copy of the same transmitted to the family of the deceased.

D. CAMPBELL, *President,*

H. J. POINIER, *Vice-President,*

A. DELANO, *Secretary.*

Committee.

ACTION OF THE BOARD OF TRADE
OF NEWARK, N. J.

The Board of Trade held a special meeting last night to take suitable action on the death of Stafford R. W. Heath. President Bassett presided, and in opening the meeting made a feeling allusion to the loss the Board had sustained.

President Bassett then spoke of Mr. Heath's many virtues, of his generosity, his business integrity and his services to the community.

Mr. R. Wayne Parker said he had known Mr. Heath many years, and had always found him uniformly courteous and careful in all his relations, both business and private. He spoke of Mr. Heath's great success as an organizer, and said that the Firemen's Insurance Company and the great business house of Heath & Drake are his monuments. He also spoke of his services in the church and in other public relations, and said that Mr. Heath's death was a loss to the entire community.

Messrs. James W. Miller, A. F. R. Martin and George B. Jenkinson were appointed a committee to prepare a suitable memento. They reported the following, which was adopted :

Stafford R. W. Heath has been removed from our midst by the hand of death. He came here from Morris county, in this State, in youth, and by patient toil and clear-headed, frugal management, reached a standing at the head of the mercantile community in which he lived. He did not

wait for death to decide what he would do with his accumulations, but distributed wisely and well while he yet lived.

What he did all may do, and we point our youth to his example as full of encouragement to them. He contributed largely to the welfare of this city in its morals, its manhood and its prosperity, and the large interests he left behind are monuments of his wisdom, conservative management and broad ideas. We commend his example to all who have regard for the welfare of this city.

Resolved, That we regret his loss from our midst.

Resolved, That while tendering our sympathies to the bereaved widow and daughters, we congratulate them upon what he accomplished for them and every good cause while yet living, and trust that the esteem of his fellows will be regarded by them as a priceless legacy.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family of the deceased.

Dr. C. S. Stockton said of Mr. Heath, that his life was an example for all. He was a man of kind heart and solicitous for the welfare of humanity. He had rare qualities which drew all men to him, and was a man of great industry and enterprise. He spoke of the Firemen's Insurance Company and the great business house which Mr. Heath founded, as monuments of which any man might be proud.

Col. Joy moved that the President appoint a committee to represent the Board of Trade at Mr. Heath's funeral. The motion was adopted.

RUTGERS COLLEGE, AT NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J.

At the meeting of the Trustees of Rutgers College, held January 25th, 1889, the following minute was adopted :

IN MEMORIAM.

The Board of Trustees of Rutgers College hereby attest their sorrowful sense of the great loss which has befallen this institution, in the death of their late associate, Stafford R. W. Heath, Esq., which occurred at his residence in Newark, N. J., on Sabbath morning, December 2d, 1888.

Mr. Heath was elected a member of this Board, April 11th, 1866, and from that time to the close of his life, a period of nearly twenty-three years, he was one of the most punctual, efficient and devoted servants of the College. As a member of the Finance Committee, and for a number of years past its chairman, he was charged with the care of the investments and financial management of the Board, whose safety and success are chiefly due to his wisdom, caution and experience in the conduct of large personal and public properties and trusts. He was a generous contributor to the funds of the College, and one of the last acts of his life was a very liberal, unrestricted donation to its endowment fund, in token of his regard for the institution which he could no longer serve.

We also bear our heartfelt witness to his digni-

fied, friendly and unfailing courtesy, his active sympathy in times of need, his unsparing diligence and fidelity in every sphere of duty ; and above all, his unobtrusive piety and his abiding love for the Christian faith of which this College is the child and the heir, the witness and the defender.

Recognizing most thankfully the goodness of God in giving us such a helper, and humbly submitting to the Supreme will which has taken him away, we commend his example to the officers, students and friends of the College of which he was a trustee and benefactor, and we reverently hallow the precious memory of this "just man who has been made perfect."

With these expressions of regard for our departed friend and co-worker, we also convey to his family the assurance of our sincere sympathy in their bereavement, and we commend them to the loving kindness of Him by whose grace he was what he was.

Resolved, That copies of this memorial, duly certified by the Secretary of the Board, be furnished to the family of Mr. Heath, and to the Christian Intelligencer and the Mission Field, and also to local papers of this city and of Newark for publication.

A true copy from the minutes.

DAVID D. DEMAREST,

Secretary.

NEW BRUNSWICK, Jan. 25th, 1889.

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